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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated October 3, 2006, setting a shortened three-month statutory period for response to expire on January 3, 2007, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objection and rejections in view of the herein-contained remarks.

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Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 3 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 4 of this document.

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